

# **EXHIBIT A**

Mirvis correspondence

I am a Primary Care physician with 30 years of practice experience, and I also perform quality of care reviews for a large health care organization. I've reviewed the medical records of Ruslan Mirvis and see that he has three conditions that would place him at high risk for severe illness if he were to contract Covid-19 infection, according to the Centers for Disease Control. These include:

- severe/morbid obesity (his Body Mass Index is > 40): this degree of obesity confers increased risk for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, which is a serious and potentially life threatening lung disorder and a major complication of Covid-19
- immunosuppressive therapy: the medication that he takes for psoriasis is Methotrexate, which can impair immune system function and limit the body's ability to fight and clear infection
- hepatic disease (as evidenced by enlarged liver on ultrasound and elevated liver function blood tests): liver problems can compromise immune response, and severe infections can also worsen liver function

The usual standard of care for an individual with such clinical issues in the setting of a widespread viral outbreak would entail the following elements:

- efforts to prevent infection by avoiding settings where there would be predictable and substantial risk of exposure to the infectious agent
- close monitoring for symptom emergence
- ready and reliable access to medical evaluation and treatment if/when infection occurs

it is my opinion that Mr. Mirvis would have a better chance of achieving these objectives and avoiding serious illness if he wasn't incarcerated. There is also potentially enhanced risk to those around him if he contracts Covid-19 disease while in prison, because he may remain infectious for an extended period of time.

Sincerely,  
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